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PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

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ALFRETON  
TOWN

versus

SHEFFIELD  
WEDNESDAY XI

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 50p



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# EDITORIAL.

Welcome to the Town Ground for this evenings hastily arranged friendly with Sheffield Wednesday, and I'd like to thank our visitors for sending a side tonight, and wish them well in the forthcoming season.

Most of you will have read last weeks Alfreton Chad as we were front and back page news with the re - structuring at board room level as local businessman Wayne Bradley has taken financial control of the club. Also joining the board is Steve Taylor who will oversee the future development of the ground. Sean will be remaining as chairman, and Dave Gregory is director in charge of facilities. Our future looks much brighter than a few months ago with this move and I for one wasn't looking forward much to the forthcoming season at the end of the last campaign. With the moves at board room level and the teams performances on the pitch in the pre - season games the anti - depressants have once again been locked away.

More good news with these developments is that three players have been placed on contract. Caine Cheetham, who has been marvellous overall in the games so far, and showed signs of the Caine Cheetham I saw play for Matlock, and the form that interested Danny and Paul a couple of years ago, has signed. Darrell Rankine and Mark Wigginton who joined us after being released from Mansfield have also signed contracts. Darrell and Mark joined as we waited for our fate to be sealed last season and the comment was that these two wouldn't be around for long, well we now have them on contract and that is great news for us all.

Next Tuesday evening we travel to Staveley MW for a pre - season friendly, this could be our last warm up game before we kick off the new season at Flixton. With our bye in the Preliminary round of the FA Cup we now play at home to Congleton Town on September 5th, this game has been brought forward from February 27th.

We also have a bye in the 1st round of the FA Trophy so we have reached the 2nd round for the first ever time, although that is only with the restructuring that the FA have done to the competition. When we reached the 1st round in 1994/95 we reached the last 64, to equal that we must win our second round tie and reach the 3rd round, and thats only correct if I've calculated it right.

As far as I know we don't have anymore home pre - season games but listen out tonight and check the local press for information

## ? ? ? QUIZ TIME ? ? ?

Test your knowledge of football on the following teasers.

Answers at the foot of the page.

A. Unravel the following to find five managers of Sheffield Wednesday:

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| 1. Snowy inland      | 2. Rank notions |
| 3. Converts friar    | 4. Adapt devil  |
| 5. Slow in handiwork |                 |

B. Tonights visitors have been successful in European competition on three occasions - when and in what competition?

C. Which three clubs competed for the Carlsberg Trophy last weekend and in which city?

D. Which former Sheffield Wednesday Manager played on the Town Ground aged 27 shortly after being appointed as player manager with Nuneaton Borough on 23 October 1971, before a crowd of 2117?

- A. 1 Danny Wilson 2 Ron Atkinson 3 Trevor Francis 4 David Platt 5 Howard Wilkinson  
 B. Inter Cates Rairs (now UFFA) Cup 1961/62, 1963/64, 1992/93  
 C. Liverpool, Leeds United, St Pauls, Lazio - in Dublin.  
 D. David Platt

# Forthcoming Fixtures.

## PRE - SEASON FRIENDLY.

**TUES 11th AUGUST away v STAVELEY MW**

Staveley won promotion to the Northern Counties East League Premier Division on the last day of the season thanks to there rivals Hall road slipping up. To get to the ground leave the M1 at junction 30 and follow signs for Chesterfield, once in Staveley turn left just after the GK garage into Inkersall Road and the ground is on your right after about 200 yards. Staveley have gradually been improving their facilities as they have climbed out of the Central Midlands League. The last time I went there, there was a main stand down the right hand side as you enter the ground behind the goal. Opposite the entrance they were erecting the steel for more cover behind the far goal, that should be complete now. To your left, but behind the goal is the toilets and tea bar. If you think the toilets are a little low in the gents it could be because they got them from a junior school. The tea bar also houses the programme shop and its well worth a look, theres also tables and chairs to eat your snap at.

## UNIBOND LEAGUE DIVISION 1.

**SAT 22nd AUGUST away v FLIXTON**

Flixton's home at Valley Road in the suburbs of Manchester will be Alfreton Town's 160th football ground that the club has played on. Flixton were promoted to the Unibond 1st division the same season we went up into the Premier and they may have adapted better than we did to life higher up, but not much. They finished 13th in 1996/97 but finished 17th last season. Valley Road will have adequate cover for the crowd the game will attract in case the summer still hasn't arrived but the jewel in this particular head piece is the luxurious clubhouse. Flixton railway station is just over

half a mile away, and you could get there for under a tenner last season on the train.

## UNIBOND LEAGUE DIVISION 1.

**TUES 25th AUGUST home v BELPER TOWN.**

What a way to start our home games, a juicy local derby, with plenty of ex - Reds to spice it up. Carl Cunningham, Craig Weston, Richard Denby and Steve Dolby are all at Belper, plus Steve Phillips and Ian Wright behind the scenes. This will be our first League encounter since we met in the Northern Counties East League in the 1986/87 season when we lost 0-5. Since that League game we have met nine times with just one defeat, the 3-4 loss in the Derbyshire Senior Cup 4th round. This game should have a good attendance as local pride is at stake as well as league points, and both sets of supporters will want to see how well their sides are looking at the season's start. It should whet the appetite for the forthcoming F.A. Cup tie at Belper in September.

## RESULTS.

TUES 14th JUL PSF h NOTTS COUNTY 1-3 258 Tee  
FRI 17th JUL PSF h CHESTERFIELD 1-1 392 Morwood  
WED 22nd JUL PSF h ROTHERHAM UTD 1-0 156 Cheetham  
SAT 25th JUL PSF h BIRMINGHAM CITY 1-2 137 Brady

## NEWS.

Doncaster Rovers had to cancel their game with Boston United last week as they only had 5 players available. I had heard that Ken Richardson had sold his stake in the club but Mark Weaver, the figure for such hate at Donny, was at their recent game at Workson Town. He needed police protection during and after the game. Whether this places their Conference place in jeopardy I don't know.

Workson have signed Kenny Clark back from Matlock Town. This breaks up the Kenny and Ian Dring partnership that was going to propel them back into the Premier Division (ground permitting)

# DID YOU KNOW?

## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Ground capacity: 39,859

Record attendance: 72,841 v Manchester C. FA Cup 5th rd, 17 February 1934

Record receipts: £533,918 Sunderland v Norwich C. FA Cup semi-final, 5/4/92.

Pitch measurements: 115yd x 74yd.

Manager: Danny Wilson. Assistant Manager:

Year Formed 1867 (fifth oldest League club).

Turned Professional: 1887. Ltd Co.: 1899.

Former names: The Wednesday until 1929.

Club Nickname: 'The Owls'.

Previous Grounds: 1867, Highfield; 1869, Myrtle Road; 1877, Sheaf House; 1887, Olive Grove; 1899, Owlerton (since 1912 known as Hillsborough). Some games were played at Endcliffe in the 1880's. Until 1895 Bramall Lane was used for some games.

Foundation: Sheffield, being one of the principal centres of early Association Football, this club was formed as long ago as 1867 by the Sheffield Wednesday Cricket Club (formed 1825) and their colours from the start were blue and white. The inaugural meeting was held at the Adelphi Hotel and the original committee included Charles Stokes who was subsequently a founder member of Sheffield United.

First Football League game: 3 September 1892, Division I, v Notts Co (A) W 1-0

Record League Victory: 9-1 v Birmingham, Division 1, 13 December 1930

Record Cup Victory: 12-0 v Halliwell, FA Cup 1st rd, 17 January 1931

Record Defeat (0-10 v Aston Villa, Division 1, 5 October 1912.

Most League Points (2 for a win): 62, Division 2, 1958/59.

Most League Points (3 for a win): 88, Division 2, 1983/84.

Most League Goals: 106, Division 2, 1958/59.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Derek Dooley, 46, Division 2, 1951/52.

Most League Goals In Total Aggregate: Andy Wilson, 199, 1900-1920.

## FIXTURES 1998/99

<b>AUG</b>	22 A Flixton 25 H Belper Town 29 H Radcliffe Borough 31 A Droylsden	<b>JAN</b>	2 H Whitley Bay 9 A Congleton Town 16 H Wotton Albion 23 A Gretna 30 A Stocksbridge P S
<b>SEP</b>	5 H Congleton Town 8 H Eastwood Town (LC 1) 12 A Farsley Celtic 15 H Eastwood Town 19 A Belper Town (FAC 1Q) 22 A Matlock Town 26 H Trafford 29 A Lincoln Utd	<b>FEB</b>	6 H Bradford Park Ave. 13 H Hucknall Town 20 A Ashton Utd 27
<b>OCT</b>	3 F.A. CUP 2nd QUAL RD 7 A Bradford Park Avenue 10 H Ashton Utd 13 H Stocksbridge Park Steels 17 F.A. CUP 3rd QUAL. RD. 21 A Eastwood Town 31 A Burscough	<b>MAR</b>	2 H Lincoln Utd 6 A Radcliffe Borough 13 A Trafford 20 H Gretna 27 A Harrogate Town
<b>NOV</b>	7 H Harrogate Town 10 A Hucknall Town 14 H Netherfield 21 F.A. TROPHY 2nd ROUND 28 A Great Harwood Town	<b>APR</b>	3 H Flixton 5 H Burscough 10 A Wotton Albion 17 A Netherfield 24 H Farsley Celtic
<b>DEC</b>	5 H Droylsden 12 A Whitley Bay 19 H Great Harwood Town 26 H Matlock Town 28 A Belper Town		

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**TO BE ANNOUNCED**

- 1 James Leach
- 2 Jason Tee
- 3 Martin Connelly
- 4 Neil Pickering
- 5 Tim Willis
- 6 Darrell Rankine
- 7 Kevin Eley
- 8 Simon Howe
- 9 Caine Cheetham
- 10 Darren Lancaster
- 11 Juliano Capriano

**subs from;**

Andy Glenister  
Darren Utley  
Glyn Stacey  
Mark Wiggington  
Brad Elam  
Simon Hennessey  
Aaron Brady  
Chris Barker  
Simon Motyka

**REFEREE**

To Be Announced

**ASSISTANT REFEREE'S**

To Be Announced

**NEXT MATCH AT THE  
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**Tuesday 25th August 1998**